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Agreement with respect to the claims f) was reached. g) was not reached. h) N/A.

Any other agreement(s) are set forth below under "Description of the general nature of what was agreed to..."

Claim(s) discussed: 1-28.

Identification of prior art discussed: (US 6,418,542).

Description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments:

Applicant stated that "status information" referred to whether active or inactive threads. However, Applicant agreed that "status information" was not defined in the specification to indicate that. Examiner explained to Applicant how the "input event" from Yeager could be used to polling a thread for status information to one of ordinary skill in the art. Examiner also explained to Applicant how Yeager inherently teaches how information on status of the thread is used and needed to determine whether or not the thread is active from the use of condition statements.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims patentable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims patentable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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